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RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
and
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
for
1963

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To the Chairman and Members of the Maelor Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1963.

The number of births has increased this year to 79 giving a Birth Rate of 18.7 compared with a total of 64 last year with a rate of 13.9. The number of deaths has also increased, being 60 giving a Death Rate of 14.1 compared with 44 last year with a rate of 9.6. Both the Birth Rate and the Death Rate are above the figures for England and Wales.

The incidence of infectious disease continues at a low level, there having been 17 notifications during the year. There were no cases of Diphtheria and there was one case of Food Poisoning reported.

The matters receiving most attention during the year were Housing and Food Hygiene. The response to the Improvement Grant schemes appears to be improving, the figures for 1963 show an increase on the previous year and it is known that there are many more in the discussion stage. It is very gratifying to learn that the percentage of houses improved in the District is nearly twice the National average.

The Council's building programme got under way during the year, and it is hoped that from now on steady progress will be made in the Slum Clearance Programme.

Regular inspections of all food premises have been maintained and the general standard of hygiene is good.

I would again like to thank the Chairman and members of the Council for their co-operation and the officers for their support during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

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GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area	29,749 acres.
Population	4,670
Rateable Value of District	£90,098
Product of a penny rate	£346. 3. 3d.
Number of inhabited houses	1477
Number of Council houses	158
Density of persons per house	3.16

POPULATION TRENDS SINCE 1959

1959	4,520
1960	4,500
1961	4,660
1962	4,670
1963	4,670

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

Population (R.G. Estimate Mid-Annual).....4,670

Comparability Factor:-

Deaths..... 1.10
Births..... 1.11

BIRTHS.

During the year there were 79 births of which 41 were Males and 38 Females. This is an increase of 15 over the previous year.

There were 6 illegitimate births during the year.

	Male.	Female.	Total
Live Births (Legitimate).....	38	35	73
Live Births (Illegitimate).....	3	3	6
	41	38	79

Birth Rate per 1,000 population.....18.7
England and Wales.....18.2
Percentage of Illegitimate Live Births
to total Live Births..... 7.6%

STILLBIRTHS.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
There were 3 Stillbirths during the year.	2	1	3

DEATHS.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Deaths.....	39	21	60

Death Rate per 1,000 population..... 14.1
England and Wales..... 12.2.

The following table gives the causes of death.

CAUSES.	Male.	Female.	Total.
1. Tuberculosis Respiratory	-	1	1
2. Tuberculosis Other	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic Disease	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8. Measles	-	-	-
9. Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	-	-	-
10. Malignant Neoplasm (Stomach)	1	1	2
11. " " (Lung and Bronchus)	1	-	1
12. " " (Breast)	-	-	-
13. " " (Uterus)	-	-	-
14. Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	3	1	4
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-
16. Diabetes	-	-	-
17. Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	3	6	9

	Male.	Female.	Total.
18. Coronary Disease (Angina)	2	3	5
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease	4	-	4
20. Other Heart Disease	2	4	6
21. Other Circulatory Disease	1	-	1
22. Influenza	1	-	1
23. Pneumonia	2	1	3
24. Bronchitis	3	-	3
25. Other Disease of Respiratory System	-	1	1
26. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	1	-	1
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	-	-	-
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	-	1
29. Hyperplasi of Prostate	1	-	1
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	-	-	-
31. Congenital Malformations	-	-	-
32. Other defined and ill-defined Diseases	9	2	11
33. Motor Vehicle accidents	2	1	3
34. All other accidents	-	-	-
35. Suicide	1	-	1
36. Homicide and Operations of War	1	-	1
TOTALS	39	21	60

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

There was one death of a male infant under the age of 1 year.

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY.

There was one death of a male infant under the age of 4 weeks.

EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY.

There was one death of a male infant under the age of one week.

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

There were no deaths due to childbirth during the year.

CANCER DEATHS.

There were 7 deaths from Cancer during the year compared with 9 for the previous year. The Cancer deaths increased by 2 in Males and decreased by 4 in Females. There was one death from Lung Cancer, the same figure as for the previous year.

Ratio of Cancer deaths to total deaths.....1:8.6
Percentage of Cancer deaths to total deaths.....11.6%

CANCER DEATHS (Cont)

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Stomach	1	1	2
Lungs and Bronchus	1	–	1
Breast	–	–	–
Uterus	–	–	–
Others	3	1	4
Total	5	2	7

HEART DISEASE.

Heart Disease was responsible for 15 deaths compared with 8 in 1962. Of these, 8 were Males and 7 were Females.

The percentage of deaths from heart disease to total deaths is 25% compared with 18.2% in 1962

PULMONARY CAUSES.

There were 9 deaths from Pulmonary causes compared with 3 in 1962.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
T.B. Respiratory	–	1	1
Pneumonia	2	1	3
Bronchitis	3	–	3
Influenza	1	–	1
Others	–	1	1
Total	6	3	9

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

During the year, 17 infectious disease notifications were received compared with 4 notified the previous year.

There were no cases of Poliomyelitis.

There was one Food Poisoning notification received and there were no cases of Diphtheria reported.

Pulmonary Tuberculosis notifications during the year numbered 1 compared with 2 for the previous year, there being one Male affected. Any contacts are X-rayed and skin tested and 13-14 year olds are given B.C.G. innoculations when necessary.

The following tables give details of the cases notified:-

Disease.	Total Cases Notified.	Total Deaths.
Small Pox	–	–
Scarlet Fever	1	–
Diphtheria	–	–
Enteric Fever	–	–
Pneumonia	–	–
Cerebro Spinal Fever	–	–
Measles	12	–
Whooping Cough	–	–
Erysipelas	–	–
Puerperal Pyrexia	–	–
Opthalmia Neonatorum.	–	–
Acute Poliomyelitis	–	–
Dysentery	–	–
Mumps Meningitis	–	–
Food Poisoning	1	–
Typhoid & Paratyphoid	–	–

TUBERCULOSIS.

Tabulated New Cases for 1963.

Age Groups.	Respiratory		Non-Pulmonary.		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Under 1	–	–	–	–	–
1 to 5	–	–	–	–	–
6 to 10	–	–	1	–	1
11 to 25	–	–	–	–	–
26 to 35	–	–	–	–	–
36 to 45	–	–	–	–	–
46 to 55	–	–	–	1	1
56 to 65	1	–	–	–	1
65 and over	–	–	–	–	–

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS)

(Arranged according to age)

DISEASE.	Under 1	1 to 2	2 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 44	45 to 64	65 Plus	Total.
Small Pox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	-	1	2	7	2	-	-	-	12
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Opthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mumps Meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Typhoid & Paratyphoid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	-	1	2	9	2	-	-	-	14

DIPHTHERIA.

Diphtheria Prophylactic Antigen is used by Medical Practitioners for the immunisation of children in the area.

The County Council offer immunisation in the Child Welfare Clinic at Penley. Standard practice now is early protection beginning at three months with Diphtheria Pertissus Prophylactic, in addition many school children are given booster inoculations in schools at the age of 5/6 years.

POLIOMYELITIS IMMUNISATION.

Good progress has again been maintained in Polio immunisation.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The Bacteriological examination of water, milk, ice-cream and other foods is carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Chester.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

These facilities are under the control of the Flintshire County Council who have stationed a vehicle in the Maelor District.

HOSPITALS.

Infectious Diseases:	Wrexham Isolation Hospital.
General:	Hospitals outside the County are used for General Cases :-
	Royal Infirmary, Chester. Wrexham War Memorial Hospital. Maelor General Hospital, Wrexham. Ellesmere Cottage Hospital. Whitchurch Cottage Hospital.

MATERNITY.

Patients are admitted when necessary to a Maternity Hospital at Wrexham, this being outside the County.

CLINICS.

A Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic is held at Penley on the first and third Thursday in every month, where, as in previous years, valuable help has been provided by a Ladies Voluntary Committee to whom I would once again like to express my appreciation.

APPENDIX.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1963 FOR THE RURAL DISTRICT OF MAELOR IN THE COUNTY OF FLINTSHIRE.

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act. 1937.

PART I OF THE ACT.

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted. (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.	14	59	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	3	7	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority. (excluding out-workers premises)	1	2	-	-
Total	17	68	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars. (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found. Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (6)
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)			-	-	-
(a) Insufficient.	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable.	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT.

OUTWORK.

(Sections 110 and 111)

There are no outworkers in the District.

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To the Chairman and Members of the Maelor Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my fifth Annual Report on the work of the Public Health Department.

By far the major proportion of the work of the department has been devoted to Housing with particular reference to improvemnts, repairs and Slum Clearance. There has been an increase in the number of applications for Improvement Grants and since these are the sole responsibility of this department a great deal of work is entailed firstly in advising applicants regarding possible improvements and also in the supervision and inspection of the work. The new housing estate at Overton was commenced during the year and when this scheme is completed in 1964 the 5 yr slum clearance programme for the Parish of Overton will be complete.

As will be seen in the report all aspects of Public Health Work have received attention and it is very pleasing to note the very small amount of Statutory action which was found necessary.

In an effort to further public interest in Local Government and in particular Public Health, talks on the work of the Health Department have been given to meetings of the Womens' Institute. These talks have been well received and it is hoped that they will continue.

I would like once again to express my appreciation of the consideration received from the Council, and of the valuable and willing help extended to me by the Officials and Staff of the Council, and in particular I would like to thank Dr. Cathcart for his help and encouragement during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

S.J.V. JAMES.

Public Health Inspector.

Tabulated Summary of Sanitary Administration

Total number of inspections made	3,566
Total number of Complaints received	18
Total number of interviews with owners etc	278

BED BUGS.

Number of inspections made	61
Number of Council Houses found to be infested	-
Number of other houses found to be infested	-

CLOSETS.

Number of water closet compartments cleansed	-
Number of water closets repaired or reconstructed	6
Number of flushing cisterns repaired or renewed	8
Number of new water closet pans or pedestals provided	29

DRAINS.

Drains constructed or reconstructed	31
Repaired or cleansed	6
Ventilated	3
New inspection chambers	95
Tests to existing drains	58
Tests to new drains	31
New sinks fitted	13
Sink waste pipes repaired or renewed	4

FACTORIES.

Number of Factories in District (Mech)	14
Number of Factories in District (Non-Mech)	3
Number of inspections made	68
Number of contraventions found	-
Number of contraventions remedied	-
Number of contraventions outstanding at end of year	-

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Number of investigations carried out	5

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

Number of businesses in District	-

RODENT CONTROL

The number of infestations reported during the year and dealt with by this department again shows a decrease on the previous year. This is no doubt due in a certain measure to the regular surveys carried out and the speedy treatment of all infestations found.

The majority of farm premises in the district make their own private arrangements for dealing with any infestations which may arise, but this department is frequently called upon to give advice.

Number of premises inspected	479
Number of premises found to be infested	47
Number of visits made	689

REFUSE COLLECTION.

This service has again operated satisfactorily during the year and regular collections were maintained. During the severe weather at the commencement of the year extreme difficulty was experienced in reaching some of the more isolated properties, but it is to the credit of the Contractor and his operators that with the exception of a very few properties which were completely unaccessible, a regular schedule was maintained.

The practice of indiscriminate tipping, although on the decrease, still presents quite a problem and every effort is made to remove any of these eyesores as soon as possible in order to discourage any further tipping.

Two refuse tips were in use during the year and these received regular visits. During the summer months the tips were treated with tip dressing at regular intervals to control fly infestations. Regular checks were also made to prevent any rat infestations developing. One minor infestation was found at one tip and was quickly cleared.

Number of new dustbins provided by informal action.	51
Number of new dustbins provided by Statutory action	Nil
Amount of refuse collected during the year	426 Tons.

SANITARY DEFECTS REMEDIED.

Dampness.	
Number of roofs repaired or renewed	11
Number of rainwater gutters and downspouts repaired or renewed	12
Yard surfaces repaired or relaid	10
Yard drainage improved	6
Interior Work.	
Number of rooms cleansed	2
Number of walls repaired	16
Number of ceilings repaired	11
Number of floors repaired	17
Number of chimney stacks repaired or rebuilt	8

SANITARY DEFECTS REMEDIED (Cont)

Number of firegrates repaired or renewed	24
Dampness remedied	15
Offensive accumulations removed	6
Number of doors and windows repaired or renewed	18
Number of staircases repaired	10
Ventilation improved	11
Sufficient water supply provided	6

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

There are two factory chimneys in the district, one being an aluminium smelting works and the other a brick works which was opened during the year. Both plants have oil fired boilers. There are several oil burning plants at schools and churches, and at the Penley Hospital there are three sectional boilers which are coke fired. All these plants functioned satisfactorily during the year and no nuisances were caused.

Number of smoke observations made	12
Number of visits made	16
Number of notices served	-

CARAVANS.

There are five licensed sites in the District. One of these is a holiday site licensed for 15 caravans and the remaining four sites are single residential caravans. All sites are frequently visited and conditions are satisfactory. At the holiday site, plans are being considered for improving the sanitary and washing accommodation and when these are completed the facilities will be highly satisfactory. From time to time I have found caravans stationed on unlicensed sites. Warning letters were immediately sent and the caravans were removed without any further action being necessary.

Number of Licensed Sites	5
Number of inspections made	41
Number of contraventions found	Nil

WATER SUPPLY.

The Council is the water undertaking for the District with the exception of Bangor Isycoed, which is supplied by the Wrexham and East Denbighshire Water Company. There are also several smaller private supplies in the area. The Council's water is supplied by the Liverpool Corporation whose main aqueduct passes through the District. Both this supply and that of the Wrexham and East Denbighshire Water Company are satisfactory as regards quality and quantity.

A series of water samples taken from a private supply in the Parish of Iscoyd indicated the supply being badly contaminated and all

WATER SUPPLY (Cont)

consumers (fortunately only seven in number) were immediately warned to boil all drinking water and to take the usual precautions. One of the premises involved was a school and a new supply was provided to these premises from an adjoining undertaking. Negotiations are in progress for the remainder of the properties to be supplied from this Council's supply.

The percentage of properties in the District provided with a piped water supply is now 94.7% and the distribution of supplies is given in the following table:-

Parish.	Population	No. of Houses with piped supply	No. using Standpipes	% with piped supply
Bangor	532	176	-	97.2
Bettisfield	267	83	-	93.3
Bronington	488	146	-	89.5
Halghton	307	81	-	91.0
Hanmer	323	89	-	95.7
Iscoyd	385	101	-	93.5
Overton	1035	347	6	97.9
Penley	791	112	-	97.4
Tybroughton	169	49	-	96.0
Willington	272	91	-	95.8
Worthenbury	326	104	-	94.5

Number of samples taken for examination 22
Number of samples satisfactory 15
Number of samples unsatisfactory 7

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

Work commenced during the year on the long awaited scheme for Bangor Isycoed and it is hoped that this will be in operation in the summer of 1964. When this scheme is completed a great deal of work is envisaged as a result of Improvement Grants and Closet Conversions in the village.

Difficulties have arisen with the scheme for Overton in respect of the site of the proposed new disposal works and it is to be hoped that this will not delay the scheme for too long a period.

The Council will shortly be considering schemes for the smaller villages in the District and the possibility of adopting prefabricated units for these schemes is being considered.

HOUSING.

The year saw the commencement of the new housing estate at Overton. This estate will include 18 Old Persons Bungalows and a Warden service will be provided. It is believed that this will be the first scheme of its kind in Flintshire. When this estate is completed in the Autumn of 1964 the five year slum clearance programme for Overton will have been completed.

Due to pressure of work it was not found possible to make a great deal of progress with the overcrowding survey, but this work is being carried out whenever the opportunity arises, however at the present time most of it is being done as a result of visits made to houses for other purposes.

There was a slight increase during the year of the number of applications for improvement grants, both Standard and Discretionary. A large percentage of the work of the department is interviewing owners of properties in an attempt to persuade them to carry out improvements to their premises. I consider that time spent on this work however ill one can afford it, is time well spent as many people have little or no idea of how properties can be improved, what assistance is available, (this despite a great amount of publicity) and how to set about it. Almost every single applicant for a grant now asks for advice from this department prior to the application being made. This is very welcome as valuable time is saved when the application is received by not having to return plans etc, and as a result it is most unusual for an applicant to wait longer than three or four weeks at the most before his application is approved.

The total number of applications for grant approved to date is 10% of the houses in the district. It is understood that this is nearly double the national average.

Number of Discretionary Grant applications received	11
Number of applications approved	11
Total amount of Discretionary Grants approved	£3697
Number of improvements completed during the year	9
Number of Standard Grant applications received	18
Number of applications approved	18
Number of improvements completed during year	15
Total amount paid to owners during year	£1649

Standard Amenities provided:-

Baths	11
Washbasins	11
Hot Water Supply	12
Water Closets	13
Food Stores	5

Housing Applications.

At the end of the year there were 98 applicants for Council Houses on the waiting list. Of these 34 were living in apartments (10 outside the District),and 64 householders (20 outside the District)

HOUSING (Cont)

Remedy of Defects during the year without service of Formal Notices.

Number of informal notices served 2

Number of dwellings where defects were remedied in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers 11

Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

A. Proceedings under the Public Health Act. Section 93.

(1) Number of dwellings in respect of which Abatement Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ..... -

(2) Number of dwellings in which defects were remedied after service of Formal Notices ..... -

(3) Number of notices outstanding at end of year ..... -

Section 45.

(1) Number of dwellings in respect of which notices were served requiring defective water closets to be repaired ..... -

(2) Number of dwellings where defective water closets were repaired after service of Formal Notices ..... -

(3) Number of notices outstanding at end of year ..... -

Section 39.

(1) Number of dwellings in respect of which notices were served for the renewing or repairing of existing drains ..... -

(2) Number of dwellings where existing drains were renewed or repaired after service of Formal Notices ..... -

Section 138 and Water Act 1945 - Section 30

(1) Number of dwellings in respect of which notices were served requesting owner to provide water supply in pipes 1

(2) Number of dwellings in which water supply was provided after service of Formal Notice 1

(3) Number of notices outstanding at end of year ..... -

HOUSING (Cont).

B. Proceedings under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957.

(1) Number of dwellings in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs. ..... -

(2) Number of dwellings which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notices 1

(3) Number of Notices outstanding at end of year ..... -

C. Proceedings under Sections 16 and 17 of the Housing Act. 1957.

(1) Number of dwellings in respect of which Notices were served under Section 16 6

(2) Number of dwellings in respect of which Closing Orders were made ..... -

(3) Number of dwellings in respect of which Demolition Orders were made 1

(4) Number of dwellings demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders 1

(5) Number of dwellings rendered fit in consequence of Undertaking given by owner 1

(6) Number of dwellings in respect of which Undertaking from Owner accepted not to relet house for human habitation 1

D. Housing Act. 1957 - Overcrowding.

(1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year ..... Not known.

(2) Number of new cases reported during the year 3

(3) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during year 2

Number of persons concerned in such cases 11

(4) Number of houses visited in connection with Overcrowding Survey ..... 103.

PETROLEUM REGULATIONS.

There at present 46 premises within the District licensed to store Petroleum Spirit. Of these 12 are filling stations and the remainder are farms and business premises.

There were no contraventions during the year.

SUPERVISION OF FOOD SUPPLIES.

The following table gives details of the number and type of food premises within the District, and the number of inspections made during the year.

Type of Premises.	No. in District.	No. of inspections.
Bakehouses	1	6
Butchers Shops	3	37
Cafes & Snack Bars	5	51
Dairies and Milk Shops	3	9
Fried Fish Shops	1	8
Fruit and Greengrocers	5	30
General Provisions	19	187
Hotels and Public Houses	9	27
Ice-Cream Premises	18	116
Other Food Premises	3	18

Once again Food Hygiene has taken up a large portion of the departments time during the year. Generally speaking the standard of hygiene in food premises is good, but on a few occasions lapses of personal hygiene and minor contraventions of the Regulations were noted during routine visits.

The work of supervising mobile food shops continues to be extremely difficult. There appears to be a constant influx of new mobile shops into the area, and in a Rural District this creates great difficulties in carrying out adequate supervision. It is becoming more and more essential that some form of registration of these vehicles should be adopted. Under the present system it could be many months before a new vehicle is discovered, and if one of these should be lacking in hygienic conditions a lot of damage could be done. The majority of these vehicles are well designed and operated, but there still remain a few which leave a lot to be desired and it is the detection of these that registration would be invaluable.

MILK SAMPLING.

Routine sampling of milk continued during the year and I give below the results of this sampling.

Total number of samples taken 40

MILK SAMPLING (Cont).

(1) School Milk (Pasteurised)
Total number of samples taken 8
Total number of samples satisfactory..... 8
Total number of samples submitted to Phosphatase Test... 8
Number found to be satisfactory..... 8

(2) Designated Milks other than School Milks.

Pasteurised Milk.
Number of samples taken..... 8 Number satisfactory.....8

Tuberculin Tested Milk.
Number of samples taken..... 8 Number satisfactory.....8

T.T/Pasteurised Milk.
Number of samples taken..... 8 Number satisfactory.....8

Sterilised Milk.
Number of samples taken..... 8 Number satisfactory.....8

(3) Biological Testing for Tubercle Bacilli.

Four samples of the milks submitted for bacteriological examination were also examined for the presence of Tubercle Bacilli with negative results.

ICE-CREAM.

There are 18 premises registered for the sale of Ice-Cream. Several mobile vendors visit the district and are frequently inspected.

The following samples were taken during the year:-

Bacteriological... 18. Results:- Grade I - 16; Grade II - 2.

MEAT INSPECTION.

The conditions in the three slaughterhouses in the District remained satisfactory. There were three minor contraventions of the Regulations during the year but these immediately rectified when pointed out to the occupier.

As a result of holidays it was only possible to attain 97% inspection during the year, but this will be remedied during 1964 when relief will be available for such periods.

OTHER FOODS.

The amount of unsound food condemned during the year was again very small and comprised 16 lbs of Tinned Ham and 7 lbs of Tinned Vegetable.

TABLE OF ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED DURING THE YEAR.

	CATTLE EXCLUDING COWS.	COWS	SHEEP AND LAMBS	PIGS	CALVES.
Number Slaughtered.	227	-	768	429	-
Number Inspected.	219	-	747	417	-
Disease Except Tuberculosis.					
Whole carcases condemned.	-	-	1	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	21	-	40	13	-
Percentage of No. inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis.	9.5%	-	5.4%	3.1%	-
Tuberculosis.					
Whole carcases condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of No. inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	-	-	-	-	-
CYSTICERCOSIS.	NO CASES.				

Total weight of meat condemned during the year:-

	Cwts.	Qtr.	Lbs.
Tuberculosis.....	-	-	-
Other Diseases...	3	2	5
Total	3	2	5